

**APPARATUS, METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
CORRELATED NOISE REDUCTION IN A  
TRELLIS CODED ENVIRONMENT**

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

10       An apparatus, method and system are provided for correlated noise  
reduction, in a trellis decoding environment, such as second generation HDSL, in which  
crosstalk impairments may be significant. The preferred embodiments provide  
equalization and correlated noise reduction, utilizing a training period to generate  
corresponding coefficients, and utilizing two different training error signals. In addition,  
the apparatus method and system also provide continued and adaptive correlated noise  
15       reduction during data transmission, utilizing two additional error signals, a trellis error  
signal and a tentative error signal. The trellis error signal is a decision error of a selected  
previous state of a selected trellis path, in which the selected trellis path has a smallest  
cumulative error of a plurality of trellis paths, and the selected previous state is preferably  
the immediately previous state. The tentative error signal is formed as a difference  
20       between a delayed, tentative symbol decision and a delayed received data signal  
subsequent to equalization, in which the delay is preferably one symbol time. The  
various embodiments may be utilized with trellis encoding, with or without data  
precoding.

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